**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A compacting press for powdery to granular bulk materials, comprising two counterrotating rollers ~~(1, 2)~~, arranged in one plane, wherein said rollers ~~(1, 2)~~ are held in a roller housing ~~(11)~~ by bearing blocks ~~(3, 4, 5, 6)~~, with at least one of said rollers ~~(1)~~ being a loose roller which is flexibly supported by force generators ~~(16, 17)~~, with said rollers ~~(1, 2)~~ at each of their two sides ~~(1a, 1b, 2a, 2b)~~ comprising their own electric motor drives ~~(18a, 18b, 19a, 19b, 21a, 21b, 22a, 22b)~~, wherein the drives ~~(21a, 21b, 22a, 22b)~~ of the loose roller ~~(1)~~ are borne by said loose roller,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein

the roller housing ~~(11)~~ with a vertical design comprises two separate parts ~~(11a, 11b)~~, namely a bottom part ~~(11b)~~ comprising one roller ~~(2)~~ and a top part ~~(11a)~~ with the loose roller ~~(1)~~, wherein said top part ~~(11a)~~ is held by a swivel bearing ~~(13)~~ to the bottom part ~~(11b)~~ and is lockable, wherein the top part ~~(11a)~~ can be swiveled open by way of the swivel bearing ~~(13)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The compacting press according to claim 1,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein

the electric motors ~~(18a, 18b, 22a, 22b)~~ of the drives ~~(18a, 18b, 19a, 19b, 21a, 21b. 22a, 22b)~~ of each roller ~~(1, 2)~~ are interconnected by the way of an electrical shaft ~~(W)~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The compacting press according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein

the electric motors ~~(18a, 18b, 22a, 22b)~~ of the drives ~~(18a, 18b, 19a, 19b, 21a, 21b, 22a, 22b)~~ of all rollers ~~(1, 2)~~ are interconnected by way of an electrical shaft ~~(W)~~.